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DEATH.

On the 23rd June 1908, at Brisbane, Queensland, Dr. James Strachan, of Muesborough, East Lothian, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Edinburgh University, and Licentiate, late Superintendent Strathbrooke Island, Queensland, and formerly Medical Health Officer, Hongkong Civil Hospital. (Home papers please copy.)

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 3RD, 1908.

The trial and condemnation in Seoul, by a British Judge, of a British journalist who has undoubtedly been doing his utmost to make the Japanese administration of Korea as difficult as possible, has provoked a very serious discussion in the foreign newspapers of Japan, which, to anyone unfamiliar with the queer habit of those journals, would seem extraordinarily uncalculated. The *Japan Chronicle* approvingly quotes the *Japan Herald* as saying that certain comments in the *Japan Mail* are "a disgrace to journalism." We have grounds for stating that when a new recruit to Yokohama journalism arrives, it is not unusual for him to receive advice, somewhat as follows, "When you are hard up for something to write about, abuse Capt. BRINKLEY of the *Mail*. We all do it." As those who seem so much concerned about that eminent authority's "disgraceful" lapses from journalistic morality will be sure to say that this disclosure is still more heinous, it is perhaps advisable to confess that the present writer received and acted on precisely the same hint some years ago. Certainly no one who sees all the foreign papers in Japan will regard as too greatly exaggerated the

statement that they "all do it." Fortunately for the editor of the *Japan Mail*, he is in a position to bear a good deal of that without feeling hurt. If it amuses the mosquitoes to attack the elephant, the latter beast can afford to let them. As we have taken a similar view of Mr. BETHELL's conduct in Seoul to that taken by Capt. BRINKLEY, we presume that we also have, in the eyes of some of our Japanese contemporaries, been disgracing journalism. Much depends upon the standard involved, and if the state of grace we have fallen from be that recognised in the sanctuaries of the Japan settlements, we shall be in no hurry to repent. The *Japan Herald*, which, with some others, is always ready to condemn the *Japan Mail* without a trial, thus virtuously complais:

"The *Japan Mail* this morning takes upon itself to decide a case which is now in course of hearing at Seoul, and to do so in terms which appear to us to be a disgrace to journalism. The Editor of the *Mail* must be aware that in his own country such action would lead to very serious consequences, and that he does not hesitate in regard to an action being tried before a British Court in a foreign country to publish statements markedly detrimental to the defendant. A sense of fair play alone might have been expected to render such action impossible for a self-respecting person."

This is theoretically a correct line to take, and it might be unanswerable if the *Japan Herald* and others had not been so busily anticipating the same trial, and themselves publishing "statements markedly detrimental to the complainant." It is true that

we should never assume the guilt of an accused, but it is a humbug to pretend that in the Seoul case there was ever any need to assume anything. Certain things were published from time to time the purport and effect of which no sane person could doubt. Mr. BETHELL was confessedly against the Japanese authorities in Korea, and he was doing all he could to hurt them, and incidentally to make himself a focus to be reckoned with. He was no Garibaldi, no Hampden, but a smart man of business who thought he saw money in uncertain times, and that line he took. The delivered judgment of the British Judge, whose fairness surely will not be doubted, coincides in every way with our own views and the views of the *Japan Mail*. The carping of the others, with their extraordinary bias, is the disgraceful feature, and their humbugging references to "fair play." A newspaper condemnation of an unconvicted accused person may be bad for the newspaper, if it leads to its punishment for contempt of court, but it is unlikely to prejudice the accused's case, certainly if he is coming before a British Judge. If it be immoral, and a disgrace to journalism, it is at least, on all fours with a newspaper acquittal of an unfired accused, especially when that accused is himself a journalist who has added to the disrepute of his profession.

The British cruiser "Flora" left for Weihai-wei yesterday.

The plague total at noon yesterday was 956, there having been ten cases notified since the previous meridian.

The G.N. steamship "Minnesota" crossed the Pacific from Seattle to Yokohama in 12 days 18 hours 20 minutes, having fine weather and a smooth sea throughout the trip. On her last homeward trip the distance was covered in 12 days 18 hours and 54 minutes.

Before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday evidence concluded in the case in which two Chinese bank clerks in the employ of a native bank in Queen's Road were charged with forging a note for \$100. His Worship will give his decision on Monday.

An undesirable left Swatow by the Hongkong steamer on June 17th. For several months past a man of American nationality has been moving about in the country, representing himself as a detective sent from the north to inquire into the progress of anti-monarchism in the south. He lived on the people, making his calling the means of extracting contributions from them: hints of future trouble being dropped if any reluctance was shown. He is also said to have had a book of photographs of local celebrities the use of which one can conjecture fairly accurately.

A student was recently arrested on suspicion by the Swatow Police and a search of his luggage resulted in the discovery of some revolutionary pamphlets. He was subsequently sent under a strong guard to Victoria. Tuan Fung who has been charged by the Central Government with the task of trying revolutionary cases. There the student was at once recognized as one of the perpetrators of the abortive bomb outrage committed in 1906 in Peking upon the Five Travelling Commissioners, among whom, it will be remembered, was H. E. Tuan Fung himself, who narrowly escaped death at the time.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The H.A.L. str. *Dortmund* left Shanghai on the 2nd inst. a.m. and may be expected here on the 5th inst. p.m.

The I.C.M. str. *Panz Sign* and left Sydney on the 30th ult. at 10 a.m. and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst.

The I.C.M. str. *Bueloe* which left here on the 3rd ult. at noon, arrived at Genoa on the 1st inst. at 3 p.m.

The C.P.R. str. *Lennox* left Yokohama at noon on the 1st inst. for Victoria & Vancouver.

TELEGRAMS.

[BETHELL'S SERVICE.]

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, June 30th.

The French Chamber, by 489 to 62, has voted a sum of sixteen thousand pounds, Sterling, for the visit of President Fallieres to Russia. A socialist amendment to reduce the vote with a view to preventing the visit, was decisively rejected, and the mover booted.

M. Pichon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, declared that the Franco-Russian alliance had remained the basis of French foreign policy.

RUSSIA'S FINANCE.

LONDON, June 30th.

The Russian Duma has authorized the Minister of Finance to issue an internal loan of two hundred million roubles in view of an anticipated deficit.

MEXICO.

LONDON, June 30th.

A serious outbreak has occurred in Northern Mexico, where large bands of outlaws or revolutionaries have attacked several towns on the American border. Mexico is hurrying large forces to the threatened area, and President Roosevelt, at the request of Mexico, has also ordered troops to the frontier.

THE SUFFRAGETTES.

LONDON, June 30th.

In view of a huge suffragist demonstration at Westminster to-day, the police warn the public of the danger of assembling in the vicinity of Parliament.

THE FAKUMEN RAILWAY.

LONDON, June 30th.

The *Times* thinks that a compromise between China and Japan regarding the Fakumen railway ought to be practicable, and suggests that Japan should accept a direct line between Hsinmin-tung and Fakumen, provided China builds a branch line connecting Fakumen with the South Manchurian line.

THE CHINESE POST OFFICE.

The Peking correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* learns from a reliable Chinese official source that besides the proposed nationalization of the Chinese Telegraphs, Chong Pih meditates taking over the administration of the Imperial Chinese Postal service from the Imperial Maritime Customs. If this change is effected, Chong Pih intends to retain the service of the French postal secretary, so as to prevent the interference. In order to save expense all the telegraph offices will be housed in the same buildings as the post offices under the management of our Director. The long-talked-of telegraph and postal school in Peking will shortly be established under the instruction of foreign and Chinese experts for training Chinese for future service.

PRINCE ITO AND KOREA.

HIS REPORTED WITHDRAWAL.

In reference to a report that Prince Ito, Resident-General in Korea, will withdraw to Japan on the return to Seoul of Viscount Sone, Vice-Resident-General, now in Tokyo, the *Yiji* learns that Prince Ito and Prince Yamagata, being experienced veteran statesmen, are not only required in Tokyo as advisers to His Majesty the Emperor, who is desirous of seeking their advice on important questions, but, on account of his advanced age, the health of Prince Ito will not permit him to remain longer in Korea, where the climate is quite different from that of Japan. On coming back to Japan he will not again return to Korea. The direction of affairs in Korea will be left in the hands of Viscount Sone, to whom Prince Ito will give advice from Tokyo.

THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF JAPAN.

SPEECH OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

Speaking at the first meeting, on the 16th June, of the Committee of the Tokyo Exhibition of 1912, Mr. Matsuno, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, who is the Vice-President, said that the object of the Exhibition was to benefit Japanese manufacturers, to advertise and introduce widely to the world those manufactures and products which were less known to foreign countries, to collect specimens of foreign manufactures and products, and to enable the majority of the Japanese, who were not in a position to visit foreign lands in person, to inspect foreign goods in Japan, thus furthering their knowledge and awakening their appetite for new productions, and in particular affording the people of this country a greater opportunity of coming into contact with foreigners, promoting friendship with them and ensuring a recognition of the benefits of peace. In short, the object aimed at was to endeavour to secure the greater development of commerce between Japan and foreign countries. Such was the primary object of the coming Exhibition, and colossal buildings and elaborate shows were not necessary to attain this end. But the indiscreet exhibition of odds and ends of articles, as in so often the case, at local competitive exhibitions, would not be allowed. Endeavours would be made by the authorities to render the Exhibition instructive in benefiting all branches of industry. Everything would be arranged on practical principles, and the Exhibition by its success would earn the congratulations of all industrial workers should foreign visitors come to the conclusion that there was a special virtue in Japanese goods.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 2nd July.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ
(ACTING PUISNE JUDGE).

ALLEGED DAMAGES AND TRESPASS.
Li Ping sued Sang Lee, contractor, claiming \$500 for alleged damage and trespass by defendant, his agent or servant, on the plaintiff's premises at Matt Quarry and for the value of decomposed granite which was wrongfully taken away by the defendant. Mr. E. J. Grist of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, represented the defendant.

Mr. Grist said that the defendant had taken away from the quarry a quantity of decomposed granite, amounting to 5,552 feet, without consent, for the purpose of making a road. They had claimed at the rate of three cents per cubic foot and the remainder of the claim was for damage and trespass. The granite which had been taken away had not been measured, and they were charging him for what had been used in the making of the road which had been done under an order by the Government. It was for the defendant to show that all of the granite used was not obtained from the plaintiff's quarry. His client believed that the metal used for the road was taken from the quarry and the damage was caused by the defendant's workmen being there, which prevented their own workmen from carrying out their duties.

His Lordship—Was there any fight?
Mr. Grist—There was no fight, my lord. The man in charge of the fifty coolies when asked had said that they were doing it under the orders of the Government. Defendant offered to pay \$5.80, and subsequently my client sent in a bill for \$50 which the defendant refused to pay. My client then went fully into the matter and these proceedings are the result.

Evidence was then called, and the case adjourned.

EUROPEAN CHARGED WITH FALSE PRETENCES.

FAILS TO APPEAR.

Before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday, James Pearson, an ex-employee of the Kowloon Dock Company, was called upon to answer a charge of obtaining \$58.50 by false pretences. Defendant failed to surrender to his bail, and his solicitor, in reply to the Court, said he had not seen him for four days.

Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. F. B. Deacon (of Messrs. Deacon, Booker and Deacon) prosecuted, defendant being represented by Mr. G. E. Morrell (of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell).

Mr. Slade formally put in about one hundred more charges against the accused, and stated that they were of false pretences and larceny. These offences were committed in 1907 and 1908. The defendant was a foreman of the Dock Company and employees were paid on pay slips issued by him. It was alleged that he gave the employees pay slips for more than their proper wages and kept the difference.

Mr. Morrell protested against these statements to the prejudice of accused being made.

Mr. Slade—I can prove it up to the hilt.
Mr. Morrell said no offence had been shown. The Company left it to their foreman to say how much the employees should receive.

His Worship intimated that he would proceed with the first charge and

Lau Liu was called. He said Mr. Pearson gave him a paper to go to the office. He got his money and gave it back to Mr. Pearson.

Yit Tai, employed at the Docks for 12 years, said he had taken pay slips like those produced, had received payment for them and had handed the money to Mr. Pearson. That was by Mr. Pearson's orders. He had obtained the cash for ticket No. 23 produced and had handed it to Mr. Pearson.

To Mr. Morrell—He handed the money for three men over to Mr. Pearson.

Don't you pay the men yourself?—No.
As a fact you received the whole lot?—No. After paying the money to Mr. Pearson I always went away.

At the conclusion of this evidence Mr. Slade asked for the issue of a warrant. He thought it showed that there was justification for the issue of a warrant.

His Worship ordered that a warrant should be issued, and that the bail should be held in suspense for seven days.

THE THAW CASE.

A New York correspondent says:—The opinion will cordially approve the decision of Judge Morchison delivered in the impudent *habes corpus* proceedings taken at Poughkeepsie for the release of Thaw from Matteawan Asylum. The Judge finds that Thaw is insane, and holds that his commitment as a criminal lunatic was legal. The decision appears at its proper value: the evidence of some of the "lunacy" experts, who (obviously ready to swear anything for money) testified at the murder trial that Thaw was insane and at Poughkeepsie that he was sane. The Judge puts the matter plainly. As Thaw has escaped the consequences of slaying Stanford White by reason of his existing mental condition, he does not merit it proper to allow him his freedom. The safety of the public is better ensured by his remaining in custody and under observation until he has recovered or until it is reasonably certain that there is no danger of a recurrence of his delusion or whatever it may be. Though Mr. Jerome has triumphed, it is too much to hope that that Thaw is sane. Thaw's counsel will abandon their efforts to obtain his freedom.

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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held on July 2nd in the Council Chamber.

PRESENT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK JOHN DRAUGHT, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.
His Excellency Major-General Broadwood, (General Officer Commanding).
Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, C.M.G., (Colonial Secretary).
Hon. Mr. W. B. DAVIES, K.C., (Attorney-General).
Hon. Mr. L. A. M. JONES, (Colonial Treasurer).
Hon. Mr. W. CHATMAN, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).
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Hon. Commander BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (Harbour Master).
Hon. Dr. Ho Yee, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.
Hon. Mr. H. B. POLLOCK, K.C.
Hon. Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.
Hon. Mr. MUBARAT STEWART.
Mr. C. CLEMENT (Clerk of Council).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial minutes Nos. 81 and 82, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee. The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the resolution was agreed to.

FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 11) and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PAPERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table correspondence relating to the transfer to the Government of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund.

THE FLOODS IN SOUTH CHINA.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Gentlemen, I rise to propose a resolution which I much regret has not been in the hands of hon. members earlier. The matter is of some urgency, and has only been received in time to place it on the table at this meeting. The resolution is:—

"That the Legislative Council of Hongkong desires on behalf of the community, to convey to the Governor-General of the two Kwang provinces their deep sympathy in the appalling calamity which has overtaken a large part of the population of Kwan tung and Kwangsi. It is further resolved that a sum of thirty thousand dollars be disbursed from the General Revenue of the Colony as a donation for the relief of the sufferers from the recent floods in the Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces." Hon. members will have seen in the local press, and I fancy from other sources, of the terrible calamity which has overtaken the inhabitants of the neighbouring provinces in South China, with whom this Colony has always maintained close relations. I have not got any authentic information to lay before the Council derived from official sources, but I wrote several days ago to the British Consul in Canton for confirmation of the reports which have reached us. It is, however, sufficient for us that the Chinese community in this Colony is fully conscious of the extent of the calamity, and the enormous loss of life and great distress which has been caused by it. They have commiserated themselves already with that generosity and sympathy for distress which we are used to associate with them, and which forms such an admirable trait in the Chinese character. The Tung Wah Hospital Committee recently—thirty days before yesterday, I think—sent a letter to the Registrar-General in which they stated that "the present flood is probably one of the greatest in history. The sudden bursting of the embankments caught the people sleeping in their beds. The number of those who were drowned is enormous. Some escaped to elevated spots where they now find themselves in a worse condition, as they can do nothing but wait for death." I have asked to invite the European firms and merchants of this Colony to assist to relieve the sufferings of the thousands of their starving neighbours. I discussed with the Executive Council the steps we should take in this crisis, and we considered that to open a subscription list was done in 1903 under somewhat similar circumstances, would at the present time be unsatisfactory owing to the large number of influential and wealthy European inhabitants who are absent from the Colony. I think that in all probability the result of a public subscription list at the present moment would be very unsatisfactory, and would not represent the sympathy which we feel for the inhabitants of the Two Kwang Provinces in their distress. Hon. members will recollect that when Hongkong suffered from the disastrous typhoon in September, 1906, the Governor-General of the Two Kwang Provinces sent a handsome donation to my predecessor for the relief of the sufferers in that typhoon; though in all probability the numbers then affected were smaller than those affected by the present distress in the Two Kwang Provinces. The resolution which I have read proposes that \$20,000 should be devoted from the revenues of the Colony towards the relief of the distress of the people under the rule of the Governor-General of the Two Kwang Provinces. I wish that the sum were much larger, but looking at the difficulties in which members know that we are placed in regard to our finances at the present time, I think it is as much as we can well afford. I trust the extent of generosity and sympathy of the European community with the Chinese in their trouble will not be measured by the extent of the donation. Later on, when the Colony is relieved by its absent members, we may be able to open a subscription list with more satisfactory results than would be likely to accrue at present. I hope hon. members, by voting this resolution unanimously, will show that we generally sympathize, and that we at any rate give this donation his duty quite out of heart, hear, and applause.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai—I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution which you have put to the Council. Although we have not what may be called official confirmation of the calamity and its extent, still I think we may get some idea of it from the memoranda which have been sent by the Governor of Canton to the Chinese Government. It has been published in the native papers and I believe in some of the European papers as well. There the Governor reported to the Throne that the present flood is the most calamitous that has taken place during the last 15 or 20 years, and he asked the Throne to devote a sum of money for the relief of the sufferers in the Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces. Thus we have some official confirmation of the fearful disaster which has overtaken the poor people of these provinces by reason of the recent flood. Sir, as you have stated just now the Chinese Government in 1905 showed its sympathy with the inhabitants of Hongkong when they suffered from the disastrous typhoon, and subscribed a sum of 30,000 taels in relief of the sufferers, and by voting this \$20,000 I think we are in a measure returning the kindness and sympathy shown to us at the time of the typhoon. I am sure that hon. members and every member of the community will, with out distinction of nationality or race, endorse the action of the Government. As you say, Sir, this amount is not very large, but it is practically shown to the Canton Government and people our sympathy with them in their calamity. For that reason I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Transfer to the Government of Hongkong of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund and of the Management and Control of the Pensions of Widows and Orphans and to consolidate the laws in relation thereto.

He added—In connection with this Bill I beg to lay on the table by direction of your Excellency correspondence relating to the transfer to the Government of the said fund. That correspondence contains full information on the subject which I shall be happy to supplement on the second reading. I regret Sir, that this Bill has not been in the hands of hon. members earlier. The amount of printing at present has been very heavy, and I have been unable to place the Bill in the hands of hon. members. As the first reading is only formal I trust they will read the Bill for the first time to-day.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved that Council go to a Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to prohibit the Exportation of Prepared Opium to China.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the Council to consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903, and the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance 1908, as there were certain amendments which he desired to move.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved an amendment to clause 4. He said Clause 4 dealt with the constitution of the Sanitary Board, and as the method by which the unofficial members of the Board were elected had been altered, he proposed to amend the clause so as to preserve the tenure of office of unofficial members of the Board. Therefore it would be necessary to insert the words "Shall not affect the tenure of office of the present unofficial members of the Sanitary Board, each of whom shall continue to be a member of the Board until the expiration of the current term of his office."

He also proposed to move a further amendment to clause 9 of the principal Ordinance which referred to ratapayers. The ratapayers were the electors who had such property as were required to serve on common juries, etc.

These amendments were agreed to.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—in regard to Clause 85 of the Bill, since the last meeting of the Council your Excellency has received a letter from His Honour the Chief Justice in reference to this clause. The letter reads:—

Supreme Court, Hongkong, 1st July.

Sir,—I have noticed in the newspapers that your Excellency has acted on the suggestion which I had the honour to make to your Excellency in my letter of 18th June last in connection with the new Buildings Ordinance. So far as I am able to judge from the newspaper reports, the constitutional point which I raised is met by the amendment. I think it my duty, however, to point out that the deletion of the sentence which made it obligatory on the Governor in Executive Council to consult the Council in law to the Full Court when requested by the opposite party might possibly lead to a conflict between the Court and the Governor-in-Council, though not a constitutional question. I observed that the Attorney-General said that he should advise the Governor in Executive Council, in the event arising, to remit the question when requested by the opposite party. But in the event of refusal, very awkward questions might arise to which, for greater caution, I am content to leave your Excellency's attention before the bill becomes law. It appears to me possible that the Court might be called upon to require the Governor in Executive Council, in spite of such refusal, to state a case for the next Full Court when a question of difficulty and delicacy would be raised, which I suggest to your Excellency it might be better if possible to avoid. I have no objection to the amendment as it stands, but there is one further point on which I think it might also draw your Excellency's attention. It is quite clear that the question will come before the Full Court to be argued by both sides unless, of course, one party makes default. The Court cannot act as adviser to the Government. As I say, I have not seen the text of the article, and it may be that there is no room for doubt on this question.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
(Sd.) F. T. PROCTOR.

Well, Sir, the effect of that letter as regards paragraph one is that in the view of his Honour the Chief Justice, the Court might be asked to order by mandamus the Governor-in-Council to state a case for the opinion of the Full Court, if the appellant desires it, and the Governor-in-Council has not acquiesced in the application. The clause as it reads vests the discretionary power in the Governor-in-Council. The words are "The Governor-in-Council may at any time in his discretion." In my humble opinion, assuming the discretion has been fairly exercised, no proceedings for mandamus would lie. If the duty cast on the Governor-in-Council be of a judicial character a mandamus would be granted, only there is a refusal to perform it in any way not where it is done in one way rather than another, erroneously instead of properly. In other words the Court will only insist that the person who is to judge shall act on such; it will not dictate in what way his judgment shall be given. It was the intention of the Government to place the Council when it passed the clause as it stands at present that the discretion of the Governor-in-Council, which will at all times be fairly exercised, should be left to the Governor-in-Council. The Court might be called upon to require the Governor-in-Council in spite of such refusal, to state a case for the opinion of the

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Hongkong, 27th April, 1907. 1019

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Hongkong, 13th August, 1908. 23

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 114

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Hongkong, 18th November, 1907. 24

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JOHN ARMSTRONG, Manager.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1908. 115

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1908.

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, 24th March 1908. 524

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January 1907. 21

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1908. 261

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(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER)

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED... Yeh 5,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP... 3,750,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

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HONGKONG OFFICE:

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Deposits received on terms which may be learned on application.

D. TOHDOW, Manager.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1907. 75

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CAPITAL PAID UP... Gold \$3,250,000

about Mex. \$7,222,222

RESERVE FUND... Gold \$3,250,000

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"PRINZ LUDWIG,"
having arrived, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and Wharves of the Hongkong and Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, where delivery may be obtained. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 5th of July, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th July, at 9.30 A.M. All claims must reach us before the 10th of July, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

This Steamer brings Cargo—Ex a.s. "DAN-DELO" from Venice transported at Port Said.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th June, 1908.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP,
LONDON, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"MONTGOMERYSHIRE,"
Captain Jackson, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon, and West Point Godowns Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 6th July, at 3 P.M.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th July, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th June, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY ATCAR,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 5th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
PORT SAID, SUEZ & STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 7th July, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

F. J. ABBOTT,
Aiding Superintendent.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1908.

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MISSION "WORK."

When we get to the end of Life's Journey with capital, and find all the Best Rooms in the Mansions of the East occupied by Missionaries, even as they now monopolize the Best Rooms at Arima, some of us will feel aggrieved. Certainly it is anything but a delightful prospect; it is had enough after a tramp over the hills, this warm weather to find that at the end of a long and hot journey, the missionaries have commandeered the coolest rooms in your favorite hotel for their delightful conferences and what not, but after all, there are other hotels, or failing that, you can lie down in the street and rest. This, I say, is bad enough, but it is only for a day, anyhow, but if these people are going to occupy the best rooms in the pearly mansions along the golden streets, and get them at reduced rates, as they do at Arima, I would like to see a protest against such an anti-preferential treatment. Speaking of missionaries, which I don't often do, I have received a little card on one side of which is printed a map of Japan, with various pimple on it, all duly named, and on the other a little picture of a certain doctor and his wife, from way down Tennessee, a "richish" man, and a small boy, Japanese. Whether this juvenile represents the converts made during the trip through Japan is not stated, but I find some other for- ward of an interesting character. The doctor and his wife were in Japan from October, 1907 till May 1908, eight months which are certainly not the least pleasant of the twelve. I find that the number of "cities served" is 35, and I also find that the pimple on the little map represent the cities served. It served them right. Under the heading of "Work Done" appears the following:—Institutes, 80; Conventions and Conferences, 10. I know those conferences, dear reader, and so do you, if you have ever picked the pearls and tossed the discomforts of a journey to Arima, Kariuwa, or Kariuwa. Then I find "Lectures by Dr. H. 175; Sermons by ditto, 17; Schools addressed, 22; Lectures by Mrs. H. 140." The miles travelled in Japan and Korea have been carefully calculated, though it is not stated if Dr. and Mrs. H. walked or rode the 7,500 miles. We are also told that they travelled 16,000 miles "to and from" they don't say where, but I suppose they mean Arima. "Baptisms,"—The wife baptised 1,400 and her husband baptised 3,500, while the "attendance on all meetings" was 30,000. Considering how easy it is to get a crowd together in Japan, I don't think much of this record. Comparing all the miles travelled with the total "attendance on all meetings," which includes schools, institutes, conventions, and conferences, we get an average of less than one man per mile. This is very poor work, but there's one thing to be said for Dr. H. and his wife, they have left lots of work for others to do during an eight months' holiday in Japan.

—Japan Chronicle

THE FIGURES OF EMPIRE.

Let us survey the growth of the British Empire in population and wealth. Blue-books give us the latest figures, and putting them together, we can form our own conclusions. Read, first of all, this small table. It is a record of growth in certain portions of the Empire. And it is significant.

Area in Sq. Miles.	Population in 1881.	Population in 1901.
United Kingdom	32,101,121	45,414,321
British India	140,068,691	249,000,000
Australia	3,137,372	7,511,408
South Africa	2,751,408	3,883,831
W. Australia	973,320	29,708
Tasmania	26,215	115,705
Total Australia	973,320	29,708
Commonwealth	2,074,521	4,129,617
New Zealand	1,047,811	1,000,018
Canada	3,715,372	6,935,810
Cape of Good Hope	35,371	1,151,937
Ceylon	26,382	2,750,738
Other British Possessions	276,095	2,487,690
Total	2,332,617	4,129,617

Expressed roughly, the population of the British Empire grows steadily at the rate of 40,000 every decade.

In rate of growth Western Australia leads the way.

The birth-rate is higher here, emigration deplores there; a new Colony shows a sudden increase, an older country remains nearly stationary. The population of the United Kingdom, given now as 44,000,000, has, despite steady outpouring to the Colonies, especially Canada, shown a rapid increase during the last six or seven years. Three millions have been gained since 1901, and only three millions was the average increase for periods of ten years before that.

But Western Australia leads the way! And triumphantly, too. No other portion of the Empire has grown anything like so rapidly. From 2,000,000 in 1881 to 4,129,617 in 1901, to 281,000 at the present day. That is an advance which shows health and vitality indeed. Victoria has gained less than 100,000 in the last sixteen years. New Zealand has made a vigorous start in last few years, and now, probably, just touches the million mark. Rhodesia is growing rapidly, its population now being practically 600,000. Ceylon has now well passed the million mark. In the Mediterranean the story is still one of progress: Malta from 184,000 in 1901 to 260,000 to-day; Cyprus from 237,000 to 250,000.

We pass to the population of cities. Here are the latest estimates of population for the thirteen largest cities in the Empire:

1 London	4,758,218	8 Madras	548,000
2 Bombay	3,828,000	9 Sydney	526,000
3 Calcutta	3,558,000	10 Melbourne	326,000
4 Glasgow	2,447,000	11 Leeds	470,000
5 Liverpool	2,447,000	12 Sheffield	455,000
6 Manchester	2,447,000	13 Montreal	405,000
7 Birmingham	553,000		

From population to wealth. Here are the mass figures of Imperial trade, showing the stupendous increase in volume since 1892:

Imports	109,471	181,708
Exports	91,251	151,593
Total foreign trade	200,722	333,301
Imports (a)	23,569	62,939
Exports (a)	221,932	395,240
Total Inter-Imperial trade	221,932	395,240
Grand total	422,654	728,541

A recent writer in "Work's Work" gave further figures on the domination of the English language.

The number of people who can actually read, or will learn if now too young, for the various languages of the world, appears to be as follows:

Language	No. in millions.	Per cent.
English	136	27.2
German	82	16.4
Chinese (not a spoken language, but a system of writing)	70	14.0
French	28	5.6
Russian	30	6.0
Arabic	25	5.0
Italian	12	2.4
Spanish	11	2.2
Scandinavian	9	1.8
Dutch and Flemish	9	1.8
Minor European	34	6.8
Minor Asiatic	16	3.2
Minor African and Polynesian	2	0.5
(None of the three last representing as much as 1 per cent of total)		
Total	473	100

REVEALED IN A FRANGE.

STRANGE STORY OF A WOMAN'S PSYCHICAL POWERS.

These may believe who care to. One of the most notable members of the Society of Psychical Research in America is Professor James. A remarkable instance of the exercise of apparently supernatural powers is given by the professor in one of his recent publications.

The story, as quoted in the "Weekly Argosy," of Demerara, is that on Monday, October 31, Miss Bertha Huse left her home at Enfield, New Hampshire, at 5 A.M., before the rest of the family had risen. She took her way down the street toward the so-called Shaker Bridge. Her family, learning of her absence, instituted a search for her, and during the greater part of the day 150 men hunted the woods and lake shore in the vicinity. This search proved of no avail, and Mr. Whitney, a mill owner of Enfield, sent to Boston for divers. A diver named Sullivan worked the better part of all Tuesday and up to Wednesday noon without success in the lake.

On Wednesday evening, November 2, Mrs. Titus, of Lebanon, a village about four and one-half miles from Enfield, while doing after supper, aroused the attention of her husband, who was seated near her by her noise and extremely horrified countenance. When he spoke to her she failed to answer; and it was necessary for him to shake her before arousing her to consciousness. When she was conscious the first thing she said was, "Why did you disturb me? In a moment I should have found that body." After this she told her husband, "If I behave very peculiarly to-night, or cry out, or seem greatly disturbed, do not on any account awaken me, but leave me to myself."

At some time during the night Mr. Titus was aroused by the screams of his wife. He got up, lit a lamp, and waited, obeying his wife's instructions. She, during a following interval, though not awake, spoke in substance as follows:

"She followed the road down to the bridge, and on getting past it she stepped out on to that jutting beam which was covered with white frost. There she stood undecided whether to go into the water, or to go up over the hill to the pond. While so standing she slipped the timber work of the bridge. You will find her lying, head in, and you will only be able to see one of her rubbers projecting from the timber work."

Early in the morning, at her earnest solicitation, her husband went to Mr. Ayer, an employee of the Massena Flannel Company at Lebanon, and asked him for leave to absent himself from the mill that morning, in order to go with his wife to the Shaker Bridge at Enfield. He then told Mr. Ayer the story, substantially as above. Mr. Titus also told the story to Mr. W. R. Sunderland, as well as to certain other persons, all at Lebanon, before he went with his wife to Enfield, where he told other parties of this occurrence, and asked Mr. Whitney, who had been foremost in the search, to accompany him and his wife to the spot his wife was desirous of investigating. When they reached the bridge Mrs. Titus pointed out a certain spot, where she said they would find the body.

Mr. Whitney, who was then one of quite a number at the spot, sent a messenger to get the diver who had been working in the neighborhood of that place. On his arrival Mrs. Titus pointed out to him the spot where she said the body lay. He said, "I searched there yesterday and found nothing." She said, "Yes, you searched there, and there (pointing to a certain spot), but you did not search there and if you go down you will find only the rubber of her shoe projecting from the timber work."

To satisfy her he put on his diving suit and went down at the point indicated. After a moment or two Mrs. Huse herself rose to the surface, and shortly after the diver came up, bringing the body. The diver then said, "I did not look in this place yesterday, at the brush and debris was so thick there that I could not see; in fact, all I could feel of the body was the rubber projecting from the timber work."

Mrs. Titus's grandmother is said to have had a similar power in her day, but Mrs. Titus is not known to have made any pretence of being a clairvoyant.

NAVAL COURT AT KOBE.

SEVEN CHARGED WITH REFUSING DUTY.

A Naval Court of Inquiry was held at the British Consulate-General at Kobe on June 18th to deal with a charge brought by the captain of the British steamer "Inveresk" against seven members of the crew of refusing duty. The Court was composed of Mr. Henry Bonar, British Consul-General, assisted by two masters of British ships in port, Captain George T. Cresser, of the "Strathclyde," and Captain H. B. Sailer, of the "St. George." The proceedings were taken under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894. Mr. A. E. Firth acted as clerk of the Court. All the accused having pleaded not guilty, the master of the "Inveresk" was called upon to give his evidence.

Captain A. H. Smith, sworn, stated that he had been in command of the "Inveresk" since January, 1908. On Sunday morning last he left the ship on business; preparations were then being made for the fumigation of the crew in conformity with the sanitary authorities' requirements. While on shore he received a note from the Chief Officer, stating that several of the crew refused to be fumigated. Witness at once went to the vessel, and was accompanied by the Chief Engineer, that seven or eight of his men had gone ashore, and that he had not sufficient men to man the engine-room and stokehold. Witness returned on shore to his agent and also visited the British Consul and had warrants issued for the arrest of the men, who were later on brought on board by the police. Next morning the accused men came to him and said they refused duty. No grievance was specified beyond the fact that they were dissatisfied at being arrested the previous day. Witness again consulted his agent, and the British Consul-General, and a Naval Court was suggested. Before going to such extreme measures, witness went on board again and tried to persuade the men to resume duty. He gave them the option of being paid off in Singapore, which they at first appeared to agree to, but eventually Price was the only one to agree to this proposal. Witness then decided that a Naval Court should be held. A deputation of two men went ashore to interview the British Consul-General. The situation was explained to them by the Consul, and several sections of the Merchant Shipping Act were read to them. They then lodged a verbal complaint that they were not satisfied with the food on board. On hearing of this complaint, the British Consul-General directed that the food should be examined, which was done by the British Vice-Consul later on in the afternoon. At this investigation every facility was given for examination, and to witness's belief it was found that the food was sufficient both in quantity and quality.

In reply to questions by the Court, witness said he was getting ready for sea at the time of the trouble, and expected to get away on Sunday, the 14th, at two in the afternoon. Before arriving at Kobe he had had complaints from the crew on one or two occasions about the food. Once at Sabon, and another occasion on Friday, April 24th, when entering Nagasaki. Witness inquired into this complaint, and found that on three consecutive occasions they had had fish served for provisions. At Sabon the complaint was about the fowls. When O'Connell asked if a leg and a wing was enough for a man to eat, witness impressed upon the Chief Officer and steward that they should satisfy the men as to their food. The owners of the steamer were the Inver Steamship Company, Ltd., an old established line; this was his first command in the company. He and commanded the "Dundonian" and "Mayfield."

Witness by the crew, except that on one occasion Price had complained of the pork, which witness found to be quite wholesome. The cook and steward on board were Chinese, good average men, and the ship's provisions were supplied by reliable dealers. To the best of his knowledge the provisions had been examined and reported upon by a Board of Trade inspector before being shipped, and would have been rejected if found in Sabon, when the crew complained about the food. Witness told them that they could always see the food weighed out.

After due consideration the Court found that the men were guilty of the charge of refusal of duty, and that in view of their refusal to proceed in the ship they should be discharged, the balance of wages due being forfeited and paid by way of compensation to the owners of the ship, after deduction of the costs of the Court, to be borne by the accused in equal proportions, amounting in each case to £1 3s 6d. The Court further ordered that the cost of £17 14s 1d, being the total costs of the Court, be paid by the Master of the "Inveresk," he being empowered to deduct the same from the wages due the accused.

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TREATIES WITH CHINA
Great Britain, 1840; 1842; 1843; 1844; 1845; 1846; 1847; 1848; 1849; 1850; 1851; 1852; 1853; 1854; 1855; 1856; 1857; 1858; 1859; 1860; 1861; 1862; 1863; 1864; 1865; 1866; 1867; 1868; 1869; 1870; 1871; 1872; 1873; 1874; 1875; 1876; 1877; 1878; 1879; 1880; 1881; 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885; 1886; 1887; 1888; 1889; 1890; 1891; 1892; 1893; 1894; 1895; 1896; 1897; 1898; 1899; 1900; 1901; 1902; 1903; 1904; 1905; 1906; 1907; 1908; 1909; 1910; 1911; 1912; 1913; 1914; 1915; 1916; 1917; 1918; 1919; 1920; 1921; 1922; 1923; 1924; 1925; 1926; 1927; 1928; 1929; 1930; 1931; 1932; 1933; 1934; 1935; 1936; 1937; 1938; 1939; 1940; 1941; 1942; 1943; 1944; 1945; 1946; 1947; 1948; 1949; 1950; 1951; 1952; 1953; 1954; 1955; 1956; 1957; 1958; 1959; 1960; 1961; 1962; 1963; 1964; 1965; 1966; 1967; 1968; 1969; 1970; 1971; 1972; 1973; 1974; 1975; 1976; 1977; 1978; 1979; 1980; 1981; 1982; 1983; 1984; 1985; 1986; 1987; 1988; 1989; 1990; 1991; 1992; 1993; 1994; 1995; 1996; 1997; 1998; 1999; 2000; 2001; 2002; 2003; 2004; 2005; 2006; 2007; 2008; 2009; 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022; 2023; 2024; 2025; 2026; 2027; 2028; 2029; 2030; 2031; 2032; 2033; 2034; 2035; 2036; 2037; 2038; 2039; 2040; 2041; 2042; 2043; 2044; 2045; 2046; 2047; 2048; 2049; 2050; 2051; 2052; 2053; 2054; 2055; 2056; 2057; 2058; 2059; 2060; 2061; 2062; 2063; 2064; 2065; 2066; 2067; 2068; 2069; 2070; 2071; 2072; 2073; 2074; 2075; 2076; 2077; 2078; 2079; 2080; 2081; 2082; 2083; 2084; 2085; 2086; 2087; 2088; 2089; 2090; 2091; 2092; 2093; 2094; 2095; 2096; 2097; 2098; 2099; 2100; 2101; 2102; 2103; 2104; 2105; 2106; 2107; 2108; 2109; 2110; 2111; 2112; 2113; 2114; 2115; 2116; 2117; 2118; 2119; 2120; 2121; 2122; 2123; 2124; 2125; 2126; 2127; 2128; 2129; 2130; 2131; 2132; 2133; 2134; 2135; 2136; 2137; 2138; 2139; 2140; 2141; 2142; 2143; 2144; 2145; 2146; 2147; 2148; 2149; 2150; 2151; 2152; 2153; 2154; 2155; 2156; 2157; 2158; 2159; 2160; 2161; 2162; 2163; 2164; 2165; 2166; 2167; 2168; 2169; 2170; 2171; 2172; 2173; 2174; 2175; 2176; 2177; 2178; 2179; 2180; 2181; 2182; 2183; 2184; 2185; 2186; 2187; 2188; 2189; 2190; 2191; 2192; 2193; 2194; 2195; 2196; 2197; 2198; 2199; 2200; 2201; 2202; 2203; 2204; 2205; 2206; 2207; 2208; 2209; 2210; 2211; 2212; 2213; 2214; 2215; 2216; 2217; 2218; 2219; 2220; 2221; 2222; 2223; 2224; 2225; 2226; 2227; 2228; 2229; 2230; 2231; 2232; 2233; 2234; 2235; 2236; 2237; 2238; 2239; 2240; 2241; 2242; 2243; 2244; 2245; 2246; 2247; 2248; 2249; 2250; 2251; 2252; 2253; 2254; 2255; 2256; 2257; 2258; 2259; 2260; 2261; 2262; 2263; 2264; 2265; 2266; 2267; 2268; 2269; 2270; 2271; 2272; 2273; 2274; 2275; 2276; 2277; 2278; 2279; 2280; 2281; 2282; 2283; 2284; 2285; 2286; 2287; 2288; 2289; 2290; 2291; 2292; 2293; 2294; 2295; 2296; 2297; 2298; 2299; 2300; 2301; 2302; 2303; 2304; 2305; 2306; 2307; 2308; 2309; 2310; 2311; 2312; 2313; 2314; 2315; 2316; 2317; 2318; 2319; 2320; 2321; 2322; 2323; 2324; 2325; 2326; 2327; 2328; 2329; 2330; 2331; 2332; 2333; 2334; 2335; 2336; 2337; 2338; 2339; 2340; 2341; 2342; 2343; 2344; 2345; 2346; 2347; 2348; 2349; 2350; 2351; 2352; 2353; 2354; 2355; 2356; 2357; 2358; 2359; 2360; 2361; 2362; 2363; 2364; 2365; 2366; 2367; 2368; 2369; 2370; 2371; 2372; 2373; 2374; 2375; 2376; 2377; 2378; 2379; 2380; 2381; 2382; 2383; 2384; 2385; 2386; 2387; 2388; 2389; 2390; 2391; 2392; 2393; 2394; 2395; 2396; 2397; 2398; 2399; 2400; 2401; 2402; 2403; 2404; 2405; 2406; 2407; 2408; 2409; 2410; 2411; 2412; 2413; 2414; 2415; 2416; 2417; 2418; 2419; 2420; 2421; 2422; 2423; 2424; 2425; 2426; 2427; 2428; 2429; 2430; 2431; 2432; 2433; 2434; 2435; 2436; 2437; 2438; 2439; 2440; 2441; 2442; 2443; 2444; 2445; 2446; 2447; 2448; 2449; 2450; 2451; 2452; 2453; 2454; 2455; 2456; 2457; 2458; 2459; 2460; 2461; 2462; 2463; 2464; 2465; 2466; 2467; 2468; 2469; 2470; 2471; 2472; 2473; 2474; 2475; 2476; 2477; 2478; 2479; 2480; 2481; 2482; 2483; 2484; 2485; 2486; 2487; 2488; 2489; 2490; 2491; 2492; 2493; 2494; 2495; 2496; 2497; 2498; 2499; 2500; 2501; 2502; 2503; 2504; 2505; 2506; 2507; 2508; 2509; 2510; 2511; 2512; 2513; 2514; 2515; 2516; 2517; 2518; 2519; 2520; 2521; 2522; 2523; 2524; 2525; 2526; 2527; 2528; 2529; 2530; 2531; 2532; 2533; 2534; 2535; 2536; 2537; 2538; 2539; 2540; 2541; 2542; 2543; 2544; 2545; 2546; 2547; 2548; 2549; 2550; 2551; 2552; 2553; 2554; 2555; 2556; 2557; 2558; 2559; 2560; 2561; 2562; 2

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ARRIVALS.

AMIGO, German str., 327, 2nd July.
 Halphong 28th June, and Hoihow 1st July.
 Calchas, British str., 4278, O. P. Williams, 2nd July.
 CHINA, American str., 3188, D. E. Friele, 2nd July.
 San Francisco 2nd June, Mails and General—Pacific Mail S.S. Co.
 DANJIN MARU, Japanese str., 800, 1st July.
 Tamsui, Amoy, and Swatow 1st July.
 EMBARK OF DOUGLAS, British str., 2761, John Jameson, 1st July.
 Port Kembla 19th June, Coal—Messageries Maritimes.
 KATWONG, British str., 987, Mathias, 2nd July.
 Cebu and Iloilo 28th June, Wood and Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.
 KIANGPING, Chinese str., 1222, H. Uddin, 2nd July.
 Chinkiang 25th June, General—Chinese.
 KING GEORGE, British str., 2957, Tucker, 2nd July.
 New York 12th March, Case Oil—Tongard Oil Co.
 KANGAROO, British str., 1944, Dawson, 2nd July.
 Newohwang, June 25th, and Chefoo 26th, Beans and General—Butterfield & Swire.
 YENAN MARU, Japanese str., 2329, Aoko, 2nd July.
 Kuchimoto 28th June, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

CLEARANCES.

At the Harbour Master's Office.
 2nd July.
 Calchas, British str., for Saigon.
 Chumang, British str., for Sourabaya.
 Hongkee, British str., for Canton.
 King George, British str., for Canton.
 Kuchimoto, British str., for Singapore.
 Takasaki, Maru, Jap. str., for Singapore.
 Wongkei, German str., for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

2nd July.
 BORNEO, German str., for Sandakan.
 CRIMM, British str., for Halphong.
 FLORA, British str., for Weihaiwei.
 KLHIST, German str., for Europe.
 KUMANO, British str., for Singapore.
 LAUSCHAN, German str., for Saigon.
 MONTGOMERY, British str., for Shanghai.
 NAMUN, British str., for Singapore.
 NANOCHANG, British str., for Teikoku.
 VALENTIA, British str., for Calcutta.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Koyong reports: Moderate winds and fine weather.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

2nd July.
 KNOWLEDGE DOCK—Seymour, Prince, Courtfield, Pouchen, Prinz Waldemar, Kobischang, Solid, Heliopolis.
 COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS—Sungking.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
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"HAICHING."
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 A Reduction of 20 per cent. on First Class Fares to Fochow will be made during the months of July, August and September.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
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 Hongkong, 30th June, 1908. 1011

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 Captain R. A. Poles, carrying H. Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for Bombay & on SATURDAY the 11th July, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above port in connection with the Company's "CHINA," 8,000 tons, from Colombo, passenger accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.
 Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer, proceeding to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "ARABIA," due to London on the 23rd August, 1908.
 Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
 For further particulars, apply to
 F. J. ABBOTT,
 Acting Superintendent,
 Hongkong, 30th June, 1908.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into 4 Sections common to all from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k." nearest Hongkong "h." midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m." and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SUEZ CANAL	GLENAYON	Brit. str.	—	Wolfenden	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 9th inst. About 10th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	CARNARVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	R. A. Poles	SHEWAN TOMES & Co.	On 11th inst. at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MALTA	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 7th inst.
HARVE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DOCKLAND	Ger. str.	k.w.	Malchow	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th inst.
HARVE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	STRIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Luning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th inst.
HARVE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Habel	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th inst.
HARVE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Jager	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE &c.	POLYNESIAN	Fr. str.	—	Peter	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 6th September.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE &c.	WAKASA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Martin	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 7th inst. at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE &c.	SATO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Nielsen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th inst. at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE &c.	C. FRED. LARSEN	Ger. str.	k.w.	Geo. Anderson	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 30th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE &c.	GOSSEN	Ger. str.	—	B. Wilhelm	MELCHERS & Co.	On 15th inst. at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE &c.	NIPPON	Ans. str.	—	E. Tarabochia	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	About 25th inst.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	SURUGA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 18th inst.
YANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC B. Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
YANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC B. Co.	On 11th inst. at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE, WASH., &c.	TOGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Nagao	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 7th inst. at 4 p.m.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE, WASH., &c.	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kawara	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst. at 4 p.m.
AUSTRIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	SUVERIC	Ans. str.	—	W. Shotton	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst.
AUSTRIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Harrison	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th inst. at Noon.
AUSTRIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	W. von Senden	MELCHERS & Co.	On 16th inst. at 5 p.m.
AUSTRIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	EMPEROR	Brit. str.	—	P. T. Helms	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 21st inst. at Noon.
AUSTRIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TAITAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	N. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Aug. at Noon.
AUSTRIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. J. G. Parsons	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 7th Aug. at Noon.
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	SANUKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th inst. p.m.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th inst. at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAITAN	Brit. str.	—	Jurriano	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
JAPAN	CHINGWANGTAO, JAPAN, AMERICA, &c.	Brit. str.	1 m.	Dowson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th inst. at 4 p.m.
NEWCHANG	NURIA	Brit. str.	—	F. J. Fox	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 2nd inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	GREGORY APCAR	Brit. str.	—	S. H. Edson	DAVID SASSON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	KUKIANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. A. Wall	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	WAKAMIYA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Yamawaki	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	TOURANE	Brit. str.	—	L. Lancelotti	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 6th inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	M. Courtenay	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 8th inst. at Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	H. C. Weston	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 9th inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 15th inst. at Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	L. Maass	MELCHERS & Co.	About 15th inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	Pader	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	Ijichi	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 8th inst. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	I. Sakurai	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 5th inst. at 10 a.m.
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SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	Pasmore	MELCHERS & Co.	To-day, at 2 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	A. W. Osterbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 7th inst. at 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	M. B. Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 10th inst. at Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	S. Abeumi	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	—	H. Yamamoto	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 5th inst. at Noon.
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